GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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INCLUSION OF THALASSEMIA CHILDREN IN HANDICAPPED CATEGORY
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representations for inclusion of Thalassemia children in the handicapped category;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (c) The Foundation Against Thalassemia, had requested that children with Thalassemia should be kept under the category of persons with disabilities so that they may avail the benefits of various Government programmes. Since Thalassemia is a disease, persons suffering from this disease cannot be treated as persons with disabilities.